NAVY MEDICINE *FAST FACTS*

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2024 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 was a year of significant progress for Navy Medicine, marked by organizational advancements, enhanced operational readiness, and strengthened global partnerships.

JAN: Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro announced the future USNS Bethesda (EMS 1), the lead ship of the new expeditionary medical ship (EMS) class honoring the enduring legacy of the former National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda.

FEB: Dr. Mike McGinnis was sworn in as the new Navy Medicine Executive Director. He is the second SES to serve in this role.

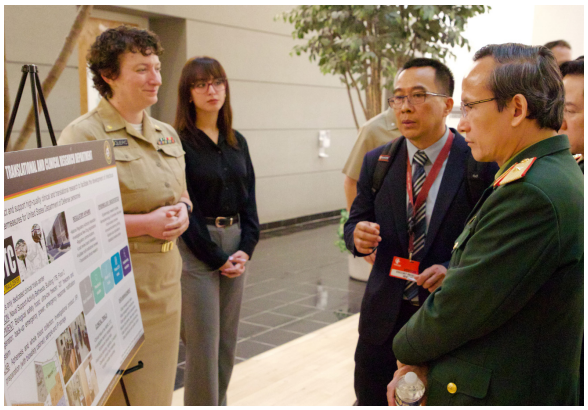
MAR: Navy Medicine conducted its first integrated en-route care system (ERCS) and expeditionary resuscitative surgical system (ERSS) certification training.

APR: Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Michael O'Connell, a special operations independent duty corpsman, won first place in the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School Best Warrior Competition. The competition includes various "Soldier tasks" such as land navigation, a swim test, ruck march, cognitive test, and an obstacle course.

MAY: Navy Medicine and Australian Defense Force personnel participated in Valkyrie emergency whole blood transfusion training. This program enables military units to self-supply blood in austere environments. // Naval Medical Forces Support Command (NMFSC) is redesignated Naval Medical Forces Development Command (NMFDC).

JUN: Forward Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit Two (FDPMU-2) participated in an interoperability exercise at Joint Expeditionary Base – Little Creek-Fort Story.

JUL: USNS Burlington (T-EPF 10) deployed to Latin America and the Caribbean for Continuing Promise 2024. // Microbiologist Lt. Anca Selariu completes year-long isolation in simulation Mars habitat. // Rear Adm. Kevin Brown relieved Rear Adm. Matt Case as commander of Naval Medical Forces Atlantic (NMFL), and director of Defense Health Network - Atlantic. // Surgeon General met with Norfolk State University and Hampton University to explore potential STEM and healthcare partnership opportunities.



JUL (cont'd): The first technical test of an expeditionary medical unit (EMU) occured aboard the USNS Cody (T-EPF 14) at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.

AUG: The Navy Medicine Enterprise (NME) was formally established to optimize how we develop and deliver ready naval medical forces, support operational health service needs, and maximize warfighter performance through standardized care, policy, and training.

SEP: Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU) INDO PACIFIC facilitated the signing of a Statement of Intent (SOI) between Vietnam Military Medical University and Uniformed Services University (USU). This agreement aims to enhance U.S. - Vietnam collaboration in military medicine through joint efforts in medical training, scientific research, and academic cooperation, contributing to regional stability and global health initiatives. // Navy Medicine Sailors visited Navajo Technical University (NTU), the largest tribal college or university in the country, for the first time to discuss the U.S. Navy mission and career opportunities with students and leadership.

OCT: Naval Expeditionary Medical Training Institute (NEMTI) becomes Naval Expeditionary Medicine Warfighter Development Center (NEMWDC), an echelon 4 command under Naval Medical Forces Pacific.

NOV: Navy Medicine renewed its agreement with the University of Pennsylvania Health System until 2030. This agreement will strengthen and sustain lifesaving skills of expeditionary medical platforms.

DEC: In Global Health Engagement Month, Navy Medicine highlighted the safeguarding of global health security. // USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) participated in Mercy Exercise 25-1.

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NAVY MEDICINE TIMECAPSULE – NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES IN 2025

***2025** marks significant milestones in naval history, particularly for Navy Medicine, highlighting its enduring commitment to service and sacrifice.*

250 YEARS Navy established on Oct. 13, 1775

- The Navy was **first established** by the Second Continental Congress in 1775.
- Even in its nascent stages, **provisions were made for the care of the sick and injured, with designated spaces aboard ships and dedicated crew members assigned to their care** — a testament to the enduring importance of naval medical support to the U.S. Navy.

Korean War Anniversary 75 YEARS

- The Korean War, **beginning with the North Korean invasion of South Korea on June 25, 1950**, tested the resilience and responsiveness of U.S. forces, including Navy Medicine.
- The **rapid advance of North Korean troops and the subsequent intervention of U.S. and U.N. forces created a desperate need for medical support**.
- The brutal fighting, culminating in the defense of the Pusan Perimeter, **underscored the critical role of medical personnel** in saving lives amidst the chaos of war.
- Nearly **1.5 million Americans served**, with over 100,000 wounded and more than **33,000 killed**. The Marine Corps suffered proportionally heavy losses, with **26,038 wounded and 4,262 killed**.
- Tragically, **109 Navy hospital corpsmen and two physicians** made the ultimate sacrifice during the war.

OTHER NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES

- 125 Years -- **July 12, 1900**. Anniversary of Hospital Apprentice Robert Stanley's heroic actions in the Boxer Rebellion that later earned him the Medal of Honor.
- 75 Years -- **Sept. 15, 1950**. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan established. It is now home to the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Yokosuka.
- 50 Years -- **July 1975**. First Navy Medical Service Corps officers take command of military treatment facilities (MTFs).
- 25 Years -- **Oct. 12, 2000**. USS Cole was attacked by al-Qaeda terrorists while refueling in Aden, Yemen leading to the deaths of 17 Sailors.